

Hunting, Shooting, or Outdoor Activities Video Essay Contest Announced

Daisy Airguns and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are sponsoring a video essay contest where youth, ages 10-18, are asked to submit a 60-90 second essay demonstrating how safe, ethical hunting and shooting, spending time in the outdoors, or conserving and appreciating wildlife and nature has positively impacted their lives. Contest winners will receive prizes from the Elk Foundation, Daisy and Cabela's. Visit www.daisy.com for a portal to complete entry rules, prize descriptions and uploading info. The Daisy-Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation "Take Aim At Safety" Video Essay Contest begins May 5, 2008, and ends Jan. 1, 2009. Winners will be selected Jan. 15, 2009.



14th Annual Montana Shares Raffle:

Montana Shares is a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Your donations help promote the work of these nonprofits. Thank you for your support! There are 46 Fabulous Prizes - Including... getaways, education, golfing, art, jewelry, clothing, gift baskets, meals and more. VISIT www.montanashares.org to view some of the prizes, enter the raffle and/or make your donation online.

Shooting Sports Training

Baker, Montana will be the site of the next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training on September 5th and 6th. All disciplines will be offered which includes Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle Loading, Hunting, and Coordinator. The cost of registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (who may assist an adult leader). Lunch on Saturday is included in the registration, but participants will be responsible for their own lodging arrangements. Area motels include the Sagebrush Inn at 778-3341, Roy's Motel at 778-3321, and the Montana Motel at 778-3315. Contact the 4-H Office for registration form.

Attention: Project Leaders –

Please plan to review the 4-H award applications and record books of your project members in August in preparation for the September Awards Banquet. Your first-hand experience in your project area makes you the most qualified individual to select 4-H award winners.

MSU Extension Forestry would like to promote the **22nd Annual Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp**, July 20th-25th, 2008 to interested students ages 14-18.

The future decisions of how our natural resources will be managed will be made by the youth of today. For more than 20 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth an opportunity to study in an outdoor classroom the scientific principles, economic realities, historical heritage, and social perspectives of today, to help these future leaders in their quest to gain a natural resources perspective that is informed and progressive.

Campers spend one week (July 20-25, 2008) in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. Enrollment is open now and campers are accepted on a first-come basis. The full cost of the camp is \$175.00 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp cost.

Link to the camp website: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/default.asp>
Link to the registration information: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/MNRYCApplicationPackage2008.pdf>

Host Family Needed

Montana 4-H is still looking for a host families for **one** of the high school exchange delegates. The Japanese kids arrive at the end of July. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502.